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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Kenneth Spence, 43, of Loves Park, Illinois, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Madison by Chief Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 262 months in federal prison without parole.

On May 10, 2006, a federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin returned a three-count indictment against Spence. He was charged with distributing crack cocaine and powder cocaine on three occasions in July, August, and September 2005. Spence pleaded guilty on August 18, 2006 to distributing crack cocaine to a confidential informant working with law enforcement.

According to United States Attorney Peterson, the case against Spence was the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigations - Narcotics Bureau, the Beloit Police Department, the Janesville Police Department, and the Rock County Sheriff's Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Jeff Anderson.

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